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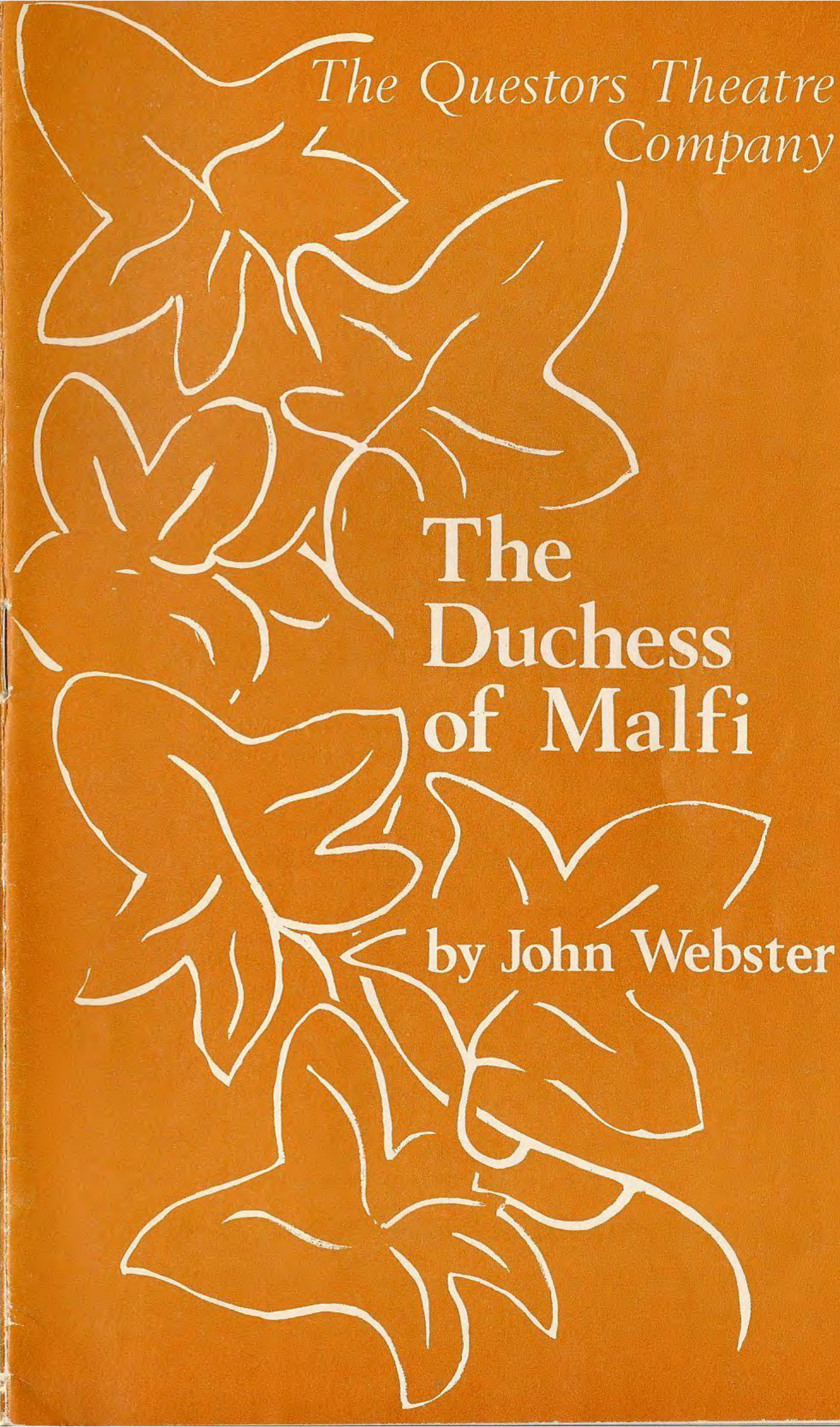
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# The Duchess of Malfi

by John Webster





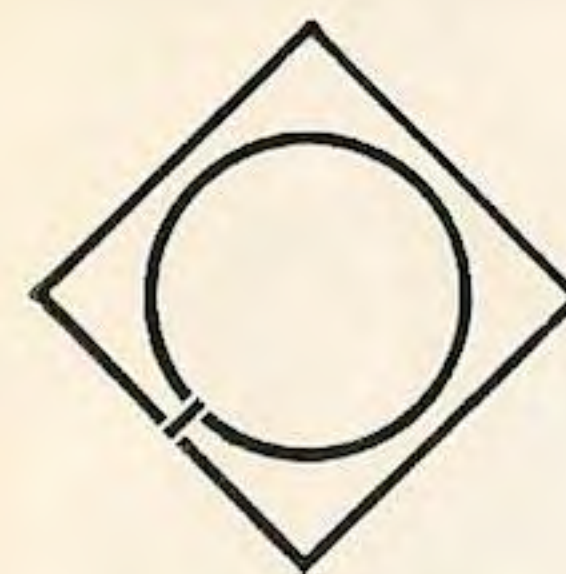
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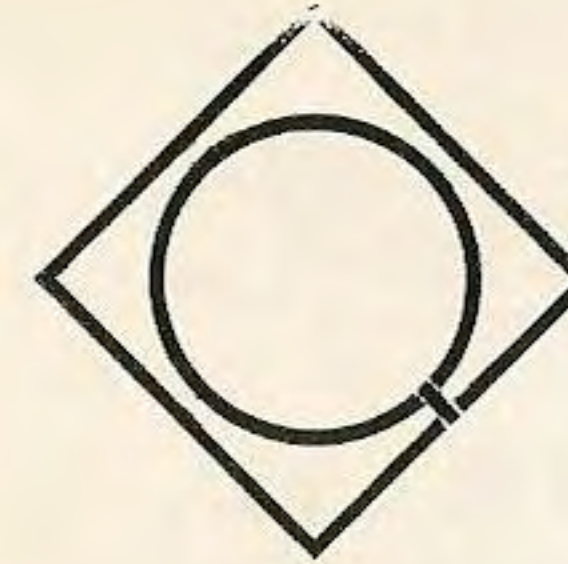
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"O, this gloomy world!  
In what a shadow, or deep pit of darkness  
Doth womanish and fearful mankind live!"

and Webster "being much possessed with death" is concerned to explore the problem of an after-life.

"O that it were possible we might  
But hold some two day's conference with the dead,  
From them I shall learn somewhat I am sure  
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" and now, I pray, let me  
Be laid by, and never thought of."  
"I go, I know not whither"

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" I have ever thought  
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**THE DUCHESS OF MALFI**

by John Webster

Cast in order of appearance

Delio, friend of Antonio ..... KEN RATCLIFFE  
Antonio Bologna, Steward to the Duchess ..... TONY BROMHAM  
Daniel de Bosola ..... BOB BYRNE  
The Cardinal, Brother to the Duchess ... NEVILE CRUTTENDEN  
Ferdinand, Twin Brother to the Duchess ..... JOHN GORDON  
Silvio, a Courtier ..... DICK ROBERTS  
Castruchio, Husband of Julia ..... PATRICK BACON  
Roderigo, a Courtier ..... GERRY BLAKE  
The Duchess of Malfi ..... MARY JONES  
Cariola, Waiting Woman to the Duchess ... CAROLINE O'REILLY  
Old Lady, a midwife ..... DOROTHY WOOD  
Doctor ..... JOHN TURNER  
Marquis of Pescara, a soldier ..... BILL RUDDERHAM  
Count Malatesta, a Courtier ..... ROLAND PILCHER  
The Duchess's Children ..... MATTHEW & CHARLOTTE  
HARVEY or DAVID BUTLER & NICOLA ELMES  
Madmen, Executioner, Attendants, Officers, Servants, Court  
Officials ..... GEOFF WEBB, PAUL O'CONNOR,  
ROGER de TONEY, GERRY BLAKE, PATRICK BACON,  
DICK ROBERTS, CONNIE ROBERTSON, BILL RUDDERHAM

There will be an interval of 15 minutes

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Associate Producer CAROLE BARNETT

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